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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
KATSUMI IIJIMA, ET AL. ) Examiner: V. Le  
Application No.: 09/174,461 ) Group Art Unit: 2613  
Filed: October 19, 1998 )  
For: IMAGE PICKUP APPARATUS ) October 22, 2003

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Commissioner for Patents  
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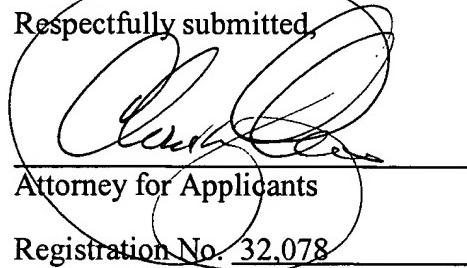
PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated May 22, 2003, for two months from August 22, 2003 to October 22, 2003.

Submitted herewith is a check for \$420.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this petition is enclosed.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,  
  
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